

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Washington State Patrol Makes Several Arrests from Warrant**

On January 10<sup>th</sup> Washington State Patrol (WSP) detectives obtained a search warrant on the property located at 15510 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue East off of Canyon and 160<sup>th</sup> for an illegal wrecking yard operation. During investigation detectives found stolen motorcycles, a hand grenade and methamphetamine.

After neighbors told police of possible criminal activity going on at the residence, detectives obtained a search warrant. The warrant was served at approximately 07:30 a.m. this morning. The person occupying the residence is currently renting the land and buildings from the owner. There were several others living on the property, including two who were living at the back of the property in a garage which had been built without the required permits.

Detectives found methamphetamine in a back room of the garage where 42 year old Dawn Kaplan-Batty had been living. Several items of drug paraphernalia were also found. Batty was arrested and taken into custody on felony drug charges and operating an illegal wrecking yard. Batty's boyfriend, 23 year-old Michael Austin-O'Leary, was also arrested and taken into custody on the same charges.

A 41 year old, Christian J. Ianuzzi who was in a vehicle about to leave the residence when detectives arrived, was also arrested and taken into custody on felony warrants. Several others at the property were arrested and released.

During the search of the property 2 motorcycles were verified as stolen and taken into evidence as well as a \$10, 000 dump bed from a dump truck and a small hand grenade.

Detectives will continue the investigation to determine the status of several other items; vehicles, motorcycle, engines, etc. that may have possibly been stolen as well.

If you or someone you know has any information that would assist the WSP detectives with the investigation of this property, please call Sergeant Smith at (253) 548-2034.

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